

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-16, 18-32 and 34-47 were pending in this application, with Claims 1, 14, 19, 30 and 35 being written in independent form.

The Examiner objected to Claim 19 for informalities. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 9, 12, 14, 16-19, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35, 41 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0192331 to *Gorday et al.* (hereinafter *Gorday*) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0198653 to *Lutter*. The Examiner rejected Claims 2-3, 6-8, 15, 20, 23-24, 31, 33-34, 36 and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gorday* in view of *Lutter*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,107 to *Impson et al.* (hereinafter *Impson*). The Examiner rejected Claims 4-5, 10-11, 13, 21-22, 26-27, 29, 37-38, 42-43 and 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gorday* in view of *Lutter* and *Impson*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,681 to *Kiendl et al.* (hereinafter *Kiendl*).

Please amend Claims 1, 4-5, 9 and 14, as shown herein. Please cancel Claims 2-3, 6-8, 10-13 and 16, 18-32 and 34-47, and please add new Claims 48-50, as shown herein. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4-5, 9, 14-15 and 48-50 are currently pending herein.

Regarding the objection to Claim 19, in view of the aforementioned cancellation of Claim 19, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1, 9, 12, 14, 16-19, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35, 41 and 44, Applicants respectfully disagree. It is respectfully asserted that Claim 17 was cancelled in a previous response dated February 20, 2008, and therefore was not pending at the time of the Office Action. In addition, as previously noted, Claims 12, 16, 18-19, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35 and 41 have been cancelled herein.

It is respectfully asserted that the present claims, as amended, are directed to a vehicle receiving a vehicle management information message, wherein the vehicle routes the message to nearby vehicles when the collected information by the vehicle satisfies a condition included in the vehicle management information message. Respectfully, at least this aspect of the rejected claims is not taught or even fairly suggested in the combination of *Gorday* in view of *Lutter*. For at least these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1, 9, 12, 14, 16-19, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35, 41 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted, as well, that each of the remaining rejections should also be withdrawn in the face of the amendments herein and the aforementioned cancellation of dependent Claims 2-3, 6-8, 20, 23-24, 31, 33-34, 36 and 39-40, and further, since none of the secondary references in the remaining rejections cure the stated deficiencies in *Gorday* in view of *Lutter*. Withdrawal of each of the remaining rejections, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1 and 14 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 4-5, 9 and 15, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 4-5, 9 and 14 is respectfully requested.

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Accordingly, all of the claims pending, i.e. Claims 1, 4-5, 9, 14-15 and 48-50, are believed to be in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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